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Re: Mayor Copenhaver to Address Commerce Club in Atlanta

Mayor Copenhaver has been asked to participate in a panel discussion sponsored by the Commerce Club entitled, "How Can Relations Improve Between the City of Atlanta and State of Georgia?" The discussion will be moderated by former political reporter, Bill Nigut, and panelists for this program include: George M. Israel, III, President & CEO of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce; Charles "Chick" Krautler, Director of the Atlanta Regional Commission; John Ahmann, Executive Director to the Atlanta Committee for Progress and Principal; and Sam Williams, President of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce.

Quotes Mayor Copenhaver, "Needless to say, it is an honor to be invited to speak at this event. I have always felt as though a strong dialogue between the leadership of our capital city and representation from areas outside the Atlanta metro region is the best way to begin to address the major issues facing our state during the twenty-first century. I look forward to having the opportunity to not only voice Augusta's concerns about maximizing our state's resources to the benefit of all citizens, but also to explore ways that our city might work with Atlanta on developing a more concrete regional vision to benefit both cities."

The Commerce Club is a 49-year old downtown club with nearly 800 members who represent the business, civic and political leaders of Atlanta. The Club hosts programs regularly regarding current such as the one tomorrow. The program will be held Wednesday, February 9th at noon at the Commerce Club located at 34 Broad Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30303.

There is a charge for attending the conference. For more information, please contact the Commerce Club at **(404) 525- 1661, or emailing:**
events@thecommerceclub.org.